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Submitted by: Eric A. Anderson, City Manager

SUBJECT—

Out-of-State Travel

SYNOPSIS—

Jeff Cronin, (2-NR), Senior Police Officer, to Orlando, Florida, from March 5-12, 2005, to attend a training program that addresses the problems and pitfalls of investigations of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. The Police Department currently has very little expertise in this area. To be able to effectively hold Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs accountable for their actions and prevent serious criminal activity, training in how to investigate these organizations is essential.

Thomas Heller, (0-NR), Police Sergeant, to Charlotte, North Carolina, from March 12-15, 2005, to attend the National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities. Several workshops offered include: impaired driving enforcement, doing more with less, street racing, multi-jurisdictional efforts at the community level, and reducing impaired driving in the Hispanic community. In addition, participants will learn ways to advance Community Policing.

Colin Boone, (0-NR), Senior Police Officer, to Jacksonville, Florida, from March 13-26, 2005, to attend Traffic Crash Reconstruction training at the Institute of Police Technology and Management. Attending this training would certify Officer Boone in Accident Reconstruction. This training would be a great benefit to the Traffic Unit in investigating fatal accidents within the City of Des Moines. This training would also give Officer Boone the training and expertise in courtroom testimony concerning the causes and liabilities in motor vehicle accidents.

Janell Hampton, (1-R), Management Intern, to Richmond, Virginia, from April 9-13, 2005, to attend the National Forum for Black Public Administrators' annual conference that provides in-depth training on topics of interest to administrators in local government and a forum for public administrators to explore solutions to key challenges facing the urban community and local governments nationwide and globally.

Charles Hulgan, (0-R), Fire Lieutenant, to Indianapolis, Indiana, from April 10-17, 2005, to attend the 2005 Fire Department Instructors Conference.

Michael Matthes, (1-R), Assistant City Manager, to Austin, Texas, from April 25-29, 2005, to attend Best Practices 2005. Sessions feature in-depth, case study examination of eight successful local government programs; plus presentations, workshops, and other educational and networking opportunities.

Debora Hobbs, (0-R), Enterprise Applications Manager, to Greenville, South Carolina, from April 30 – May 4, 2005, to attend Datastream's 2005 Worldwide User Conference. The conference will offer topics to enhance both the user's experience and the performance of the asset management solution. Advantages include working with Datastream technical support analysts and networking with peers from other government entities.

Robert Crouse, (0-NR), Police Sergeant, to Port Clinton, Ohio, from August 6-15, 2005, to attend the National Rifle Championship. This championship is for shooters from around the world and includes law enforcement, the military, and civilians. Attending this championship will allow Sergeant Crouse to compare our training methods with that of others.

Steven Schinkel, (0-NR), Senior Police Officer, to Port Clinton, Ohio, from August 6-15, 2005, to attend the National Rifle Championship. This championship is for shooters from around the world and includes law enforcement, the military, and civilians. Attending this championship will allow Officer Schinkel to compare our training methods with that of others.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Cost of travel is \$1,483; \$1,300; \$3,278.48; \$1,396.91; \$1,842; \$1,775; \$2,400; \$1,710; and \$1,960, respectively. Funding for these trips is provided for in the 2004-2005 Operating Budget under Index Code POL982100, page 301 (Cronin/Heller/Boone/Crouse/Schinkel); Index Code CMO010000, page 8 (Hampton); FIR011000, page 57 (Hulgan); and Index Code HRS980100, page 301 (Matthes/Hobbs).

The amount budgeted for travel in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 is \$397,813. The amount expended for travel in FY2005 as of February 22, 2005 is \$154,462.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

On January 20, 1992, by Roll Call No. 92-214, the City Council approved a revision to the policy for travel authorization requests. Such revision requires trips that exceed three days and \$1,250 cost to be approved by the Council. The number in parentheses indicates the total number of trips previously authorized for that individual for the current budget year; R represents resident and NR represents non-resident.